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Mrs. Carrie Henderson, at Stockton, Mo., renews through Aaron.

Prof. R. N. Maxey orders his paper changed from Johnston to Amoret.

W. N. Westover has his paper changed from Towner, Col., to Butler.

E. C. Griffin, Washburn, Texas, orders THE TIMES through Sheriff Beard.

Judge Jno. H. Sullens was over from his New Home farm the first of the week.

We want to buy your corn. See us before you sell.

5-6t Peoples Elevator Co.

Alex Moore, constable of Pleasant Gap township, was a pleasant caller the last of the week.

The Methodist ladies have a supper the 1st Thursday night after Christmas at the church in Virginia.

Weather has been very changeable the past week. The wise man has been taking his overcoat and umbrella.

Anyone holding coupons for premium dishes present them at once. The Bazar South side square Butler, Mo.

R. C. RHODE ISLAND REDS:—A limited number of cockrels for sale.

7-1s G. W. BAKER, Rich Hill, Route 5

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Mains went to Parsons, Kan., on Monday to visit Mrs. M.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holloway.

Our old friend and long time patron, J. R. Marshall observed his annual custom, called and had his dates set ahead.

The Butler Basket Ball team will play Lee Summit Athletics this evening in Butler and it promises to prove a warm number.

Ed. Morrison, deputy U. S. Marshal, was down from Kansas City on Monday serving subpoenas on witnesses to appear at Federal court.

G. W. Board, writing from Okemah, Okla., to renew his subscription, says he is doing well and would like to see more Bates county boys down here.

Our old friend E. N. Jones, as regular as taxes and sure as death, dropped in to liquidate his annual dues. He is another old substantial whose name is high up in THE TIMES list of honor.

Mrs. Mary Putman died suddenly at her home in Adrian on Saturday morning. She had apparently been in good health up to noon. Her death was a great shock to her family and close friends.

Mrs. Lora S. LaMauce, State Press Superintendent, W. C. T. U. with headquarters at Galena, Mo., was in Butler on Monday, and in company with Miss Frey complimented THE TIMES office with a call.

Ben Comfort was a pleasant caller and had his dates set ahead to Dec. 1908. Mr. Comfort is an old settler and has been a subscriber of THE TIMES for a long term of years. He is a loyal friend and substantial citizen.

"Aaron," for the first time in a great many years failed to show up with his batch of interesting Virginia items. We accused him of getting too much local option on Tuesday. He promises not to do it again for four years.

George Hains, son of Nicholas Hains, living southwest of Butler, died at Nevada on last Wednesday, where he was confined in the State Hospital for Insane. His remains were brought to Butler, and interment was in Oak Hill cemetery.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank of Montrose opened for business Saturday afternoon Nov. 30th. This bank was chartered Nov. 29th with a capital of \$10,000.00 located in the Kaumans building on the corner near the depot.

At a meeting of the citizens Monday night a cemetery organization was effected. A permanent committee composed of T. S. Paschall, Frank Marmon and A. H. Hall were appointed to find suitable grounds. —Amsterdam Enterprise.

J. S. Arbuckle sends us remittance for renewal from Clovis, California, and writes that "the gold standard is played out in that section." We are very glad to get the gold, or its equivalent or any other old certificate, so it goes for money.

The vote throughout the county on Tuesday was light and but little interest manifested at most of the places. The "drys" had it all to themselves and carried the county by a big majority. So Bates county can be added to the dry list.

C. W. Woody was in Saturday and had bills struck for a sale of the personal effects of the late John D. Woody, 7 miles northwest of Butler, on Thursday, December 19th, 1907. See his public sale advertisement in another column of this paper.

A. J. Hughes and wife, of Ballard, came in from Liberty, Kansas, the last of the week where they had been to pay a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barker. They report the Barkers as doing well and happy in their new home. They formerly lived in Spruce township, in this county.

Mrs. John Ray, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, at the home of her sister in Ulrich, Mo., took a change for the better last week and is now out of danger and is on the high way to recovery, which is certainly good news to the many friends of the family.

H. D. Chambers, who recently traded his grocery store here, has moved back to the farm. Bud says he is thankful to the people of Butler and vicinity for their liberal patronage and kind treatment while he was in business, but he was glad to get back on the farm.

Miss Eula Week won the distinguished honor of a membership in Phi Beta Kappa at the State University. Five students are selected each year for this honor on account of their superior scholarship. Miss Weeks will finish her course at the university this year.

Highest market price for corn.

5-6t Peoples Elevator Co.

Grover and Cleo Argenbright, the children of Albert Argenbright, of Summit township, were injured in a runaway while on their way to school Thursday morning of last week. Grover was knocked unconscious by a blow on the head, and Cleo had her arm sprained. Neither was seriously injured.

Mr. Joseph Jagers and Mrs. Jane Rich, two of our highly respected citizens, living east of town, were united in marriage Wednesday evening. None but near relatives and friends were present. The Clipper joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life together. —Merwin Clipper.

In most towns the business men organized in opposition to local option. In Butler most of the business men appeared to favor that side. The question naturally arising is, have we a more moral set of business men than the other towns, or do they regard its workings from a different view-point?

The Girls High School Basket Ball team went to Harrisonville last Saturday and played the second game with the Harrisonville girl's team, which resulted in the Butler girls favor by a score of 17 to 10. On their return home Saturday night they were entertained at Major Ed. Clark's by Miss Leha Clark.

Tom Cameron suffered a stroke of paralysis Monday morning at Powers Mill, where he was employed. He was taken home in a precarious condition. The whole of his right side is effected. Mr. Cameron came to Butler in an early day. He is an honest, industrious citizen and has many friends who will be sorry to learn of his affliction.

40 Acres at Bargain.

It lies four miles east of Butler, fine neighborhood, fine soil, fenced hog tight, terms to suit.

BLANCHET & KIPP, Kansas City, Mo.

Some people cannot understand that a newspaper has any rights contrary to their own convictions and no matter how friendly or fair it may have been to them or their interests in the past, the very instant something appears in its columns contrary to some pet theory of theirs, every good thing is off for the time being. Good people should get above such small ideas. —Rich Hill Review.

Sam'l Walley, an old settler of Western Bates, died at his home in the west part of town Tuesday after a lingering illness. Mr. Walley located in Bates county in '59 and has been a resident since. He was born in Putnam county, Ohio, in 1821. His remains were taken to the Walley cemetery near Amsterdam after funeral services at the home place. Rev. Hood officiating. —Amoret Post

Last week THE TIMES mentioned the facts of the arrest of Arthur Oaks and Arthur Whitaker on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and stated that the arrest was made on complaint of Lon Dixon. Mr. Dixon called and said that we had been misinformed as to his part in the matter. He said he made no complaints, and had had no quarrel with the parties, in fact that he and Mr. Whitaker were the very best of friends.

Indictments against 211 actors were returned by the Kansas City grand jury on Saturday charging them with violating the Sunday closing law. They were placed under bond of \$200 each by Judge Wallace, who announced that no more favors would be given to the theatrical folks and their cases would be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is Judge Wallace's announced intention to have the managers and players indicted every week until they observe the law.

The National Republican Committee in session in Washington City on last Saturday, selected Chicago as the place and June 16, 1908, as the time for holding the National Republican convention. Kansas City made a hard fight for the convention and it was thought she would be successful, but at the last moment it was given out that the convention in the city at the mouth of the Kaw, would be in favor of the administration's candidate and the die was cast for Chicago.

Mrs. Thurston Showalter, of Spokane, Wash., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ella Timmons has returned to her home in St. Louis after a pleasant visit to the family of C. B. McFarland.

Judge Denton is over at Warsaw holding court this week. Next week he will hold court for Judge Martin at Boonville, Mo.

J. F. Ervin, of Eldorado, Ohio, is visiting his brother, T. N. Ervin, three miles northwest of Butler. The brothers had not met for twenty years.

Our old friend S. A. Kemper, an old settler and prominent citizen of Prairie, was in Butler on business Wednesday and favored us pleasantly.

A box supper will be given at the Mulberry school house on next Wednesday, Dec. 18th for benefit of library fund. Miss Maggie McCann is the teacher.

The Rich Hill Review says that the Greek laborers, imported to take the place of the striking section men, have refused to go to work under the reduced scale rate.

Mrs. Robert A. Hurt, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Addie Seelinger, at Grainfield, Kan., returned home the first of the week, accompanied by Mrs. Seelinger who will visit here until after Christmas.

Mayor W. I. Marriot, of Rockville, was in Butler on Wednesday on business before the Probate court and favored THE TIMES pleasantly and had his dates set ahead to 1909. Mayor Marriot is a prominent real estate man of southeast Bates and a popular gentleman.

D. A. Atchison, a prominent young farmer of Deep Water was a pleasant caller while in Butler Wednesday, and had his dates set ahead. He said that his brother ex-circuit clerk Stewart Atchison is living at Longbeach, Cal., and is the proud daddy of a charming daughter.

E. A. Hardin, who has been holding a position in Kansas City for the past year, has removed his family to Butler and will again engage in farming. Ed is a practical young farmer and always made money. He is popular where known, and we welcome him back to Bates county.

The news of the closing the doors of the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City last week caused very little excitement among our people. It is one of the largest National Banks in the west and has always been regarded as gilt edged, its stock selling readily on the market for \$300 per share. Dr. Everingham was the only citizen of Butler, whose name appeared in the list of stockholders. Twenty-three shares were credited to him. Dr. Woods, the president, claims that the unfriendly attitude of rival banks caused all the trouble of the Commercial. There is a strong probability that the National Bank of Commerce will arrange to resume business. If not, it is generally believed that it will pay its depositors in full.

Protecting Depositors.

Oklahoma will be the first state to pass a law guaranteeing depositors against loss in insolvent state banks, and other banks that comply with the new law as proposed by Governor Haskell. The proposed law provides for a guarantee fund derived from a levy of 1 per cent of the deposits of each bank for the payment of losses. This fund is controlled by a state banking board, which is required to make additional levies when losses occur, in order to keep the fund equal to 1 per cent. of the deposits. The amount paid out of the funds becomes a first lien on the assets of the insolvent bank. The state is no way responsible for the safety of the fund or for the payment of losses to insolvent banks.

That Wolf.

Foster, Mo., Dec. 10, 1907.—The large wolf caught at Mat Adams' on Nov. 21st, '07, mention of which was made in THE TIMES, was caught by the hounds of Brisco Bros., John Miller, Roller Hineley and Willard Whitely. There were about twenty dogs all told. The game was flushed at Brushy Mound, northeast of old Reavely. They gave Mr. Wolf about three hours run in that country, when he led them northwest through the Island and we lost them. Never heard of the "catch" until we saw it in THE TIMES. The sheep men paid us \$5.00. That shows the hounds are not such outlaws as a few tried to make our people believe last spring. B. B.

W. H. Tilly, one of the gentlemen in charge of the dredge boat working on the drainage canal northwest of this city, was here this morning, departing on the noon train for Butler. He reports the dredge boat as not being in operation owing to the lack of water to float it, and expressed himself as anxiously waiting a good rain. The dredge boat had reached a point a half mile west of Brushy Mound, which place is within three miles of Rich Hill. This boat is working in a southeasterly direction, and its nearest point will pass within two miles of this city. —Rich Hill Review.

Now, when you come right down to good, sound reasoning, isn't it a fact that the troubles of the poor man and the rich man are about evenly divided? The rich man has a square meal and a canary appetite; the poor man has a square appetite and a canary meal. The rich man wants the poor man's appetite and the poor man wants the rich man's meal. The rich man hasn't money enough to buy the appetite and the poor man lacks the funds to buy the meal. And it then stammers itself down to work, which is the only thing which will grant the desire of each. It is the law of nature and we can't disobey it and be happy. —Ex.

We are in receipt of the program of the 46th annual session, of the Missouri State Teachers Association, at Joplin, on December 26 to 28 inclusive. The meeting promises to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic educational gatherings ever held in Missouri, and every teacher in the state is urged to attend. A fine program made up of live educational topics discussed by teachers of state and national reputation. Prin. S. A. Baker, Joplin, Mo., will furnish information regarding hotel rates, accommodations, etc. Programs may be obtained by writing E. M. Carter, sec'y state teachers association, Jefferson City, Mo.



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